

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete the following prior to the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 1, which consists of "Description".

Please insert the following new paragraphs prior to the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 5:

This application claims the benefit of German Application DE; 102 61 409.1-35, filed December 30, 2002.

Field of the Invention

Please insert the following new paragraph prior to the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 11:

Background

Please insert the following new paragraph prior to the paragraph that begins at page 2, line 30:

Summary

Please insert the following new paragraph prior to the paragraph that begins at page 6, line 25:

Brief Description of The Drawings

Please insert the following new paragraph prior to the paragraph that begins at page 8, line 2:

Detailed Description

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 20 with the following paragraph:

Figure 3 shows, schematically, the composition of the overall delay time 204. The overall delay time is the sum of receiver time delay 201, which occurs in the data stream receiver, and ~~is caused by~~ the variable time delay 105 produced by the delay control device and a path time delay 202 which is caused by a data FIFO path, and a driver time delay 203 which is caused by the time delay to/in the Off-Chip-Driver. The overall time delay is thus given by the following formula:

$$T_{201} + T_{105} + T_{202} + T_{203} = N \cdot T_{\text{cycle}}(f).$$

Please delete the all of the paragraphs of pages 21 and 22, which begins with “List of reference symbols”.